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SUBJECT: ADDENDUM TO REPORT ON EC ENERGY COUNCIL
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1. REGARDING LAST SENTENCE OF PARAGRAPH 4 REFTTEL, IT APPEARS THAT EC COMMISSIONER BRUNNER MISREAD HIS BRIEFING PAPER TO THE EFFECT THAT "REAL EC ENERGY PRICES HAD DECLINED, NOT RISEN, BETWEEN 1973 AND 1976". THE COMMISSION'S COMMUNICATION TO THE EC COUNCIL WISHED TO HIGHLIGHT PRICE DISTORTIONS WITHIN THE MEMBER STATES BY POINTING OUT THAT IN A PERIOD OF GENERALLY RISING ENERGY PRICES FROM 1973 TO 1976, SOME PRICES HAD LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ACTUALLY DECREASED IN REAL TERMS. HOWEVER, ACCORDING TO THE COMMISSION WORKING PAPER UPON WHICH THIS STATEMENT WAS BASED, THERE ARE ONLY 14 CASES OUT OF APPROXIMATELY 125 IN THE NINE MEMBER STATES IN WHICH REAL ENERGY PRICES HAD DECREASED OVER THE PERIOD.

2. REGARDING PARAGRAPH 6 REFTTEL, ACCORDING TO PERMDEL

SOURCES, BRUNNER AND THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT (BELGIAN MINISTER FOR ECONOMIC AFFAIRS CLAES) DECIDED AFTER THE EC COUNCIL MEETING THAT RATHER THAN ISSUE A TRUNCATED RESOLUTION ON 1985 ENERGY TARGETS, IT WOULD BE PREFERABLE TO SEEK COUNCIL AGREEMENT IN 1978 ON A MORE COMPREHENSIVE RESOLUTION ON ENERGY GOALS. THIS HAS APPARENTLY BEEN ACCEPTED BY THE MEMBER STATES. SUCH A RESOLUTION WOULD INCORPORATE THE THREE ENERGY TARGETS ON WHICH AGREEMENT WAS REACHED AT THE DECEMBER 13 COUNCIL AS REPORTED REFTEL. HINTON

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